

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 were and remain pending in the present application. Claim 13 is hereby amended to overcome the dependency issue stated in paragraph 2 of the aforesaid Office Action.

Claims 1-4 and 9-14 were rejected under the non-statutory doctrine of obvious type double patenting as claiming an invention patentably indistinct from claims in co-owned U.S. patent 6,649,022 B2.

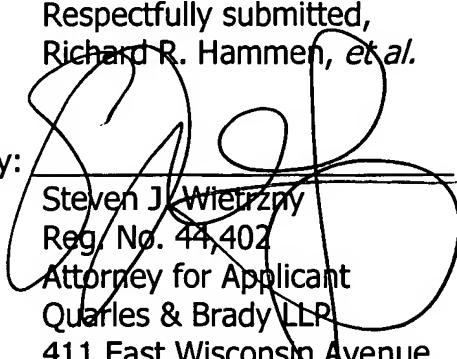
Applicants submit herewith the enclosed terminal disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c). As stated and qualified therein, Applicants disclaim the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of the cited patents. The enclosed terminal disclaimer avoids the obviousness type double patenting rejections, and it is believed that the application is in allowable condition.

Thus, allowance of the claims is thus respectfully requested.

Applicants hereby authorize the \$65.00 small entity fee for submission of the terminal disclaimer to be charged to Deposit Account No. 17-0055. No other fees are believed due for the consideration of this response, however, please charge any fees deemed necessary to the above account.

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